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RESPONSE

Dear Sir;

This response is being filed in reply to an office action mailed on April 9, 2003 wherein all of the pending claims, Nos. 1-7, were rejected. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 under a 35 U.S.C. section 102(b) rejection over Xie. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claim 2 under a 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) rejection over a combination of two references, Xie and Fitzpatrick. Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (three references).